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REMARKS

Claims 1-61 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 12, and 25-55 are cancelled above. Claims 5-7, 10, 11, 13-16, 18, 21, and 22 are amended above. No new matter is added by the claim amendments. Entry is respectfully requested.

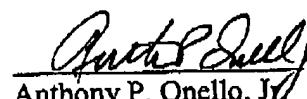
The Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Office Action indicates that claims 56-61 are allowed. Claims 5-7, 10, 11, and 13-24 are amended above to be dependent on allowed independent claim 56. Allowance of claim 56, and all claims dependent thereon, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 7-24, 25, 29-42, and 43-55 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Agent et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,077,180-hereinafter "Agent") in view of Baran, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,348,453-hereinafter "Baran"). Claims 4-6 and 26-28 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Agent, in view of Baran, and further in view of Cline et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,126,039). It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of the claims above. Removal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

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